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TAGS: ETRD, OPEC

SUBJECT: GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND  
OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES

REFS: (A) STATE 5883; (B) STATE 66493

1. REF A REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATION CAREFULLY EXAMINING  
THE PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 WHICH APPARENTLY  
EXCLUDE OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM GSP TO DETERMINE IF  
THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF LEEWAY AND THAT ADMINISTRATION  
WOULD SEEK TO WORK OUT ANY NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS WITH  
CONGRESS. REF B TRANSMITTED PRESS RELEASE ON GSP

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WHICH NOTED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS ON THIS  
SUBJECT MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. POSTS SHOULD NOW DRAW ON

FOLLOWING TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS  
ON GSP AND OPEC COUNTRIES.

2. AS RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS AND HIGH  
LEVEL INTERAGENCY REVIEW, ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED  
TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE  
PRESIDENT WITH MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY IN  
APPLICATION OF OPEC/CARTEL EXCLUSION PROVISION. THERE IS  
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE EXISTING STATUTE PROVIDES NO

LEEWAY FOR INTERPRETATION ON THIS POINT. WE ARE CON-  
TINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THE DESIRED LEGISLATION CAN BE DEVELOPED AND  
WHAT FORM IT MIGHT TAKE. THE RESPONSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMITTEES NOW AGREE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS SHOULD  
BEGIN IN THE HOUSE. WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT EXPECT ENACTMENT  
OF SUCH LEGISLATION TO OCCUR IN NEAR FUTURE (E.G., IN  
THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO) BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL  
OCCUR BEFORE GSP IS IMPLEMENTED. INGERSOLL

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